

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY JUNE 18, 2004 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 162 fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Western Great Basin Area. One large fire was contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

SEDGWICK, Cibola National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Winchester) is assigned. This fire is 17 miles west of Grants, NM in ponderosa pine. Active fire behavior with torching was observed.

THREE FORKS, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. A transfer of command from Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) to a Type 3 organization occurred yesterday. This fire is 11 miles west of Alpine, AZ in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer. Some active burning was observed in the interior.

PEPPIN, Lincoln National Forest. This fire is six miles northeast of Capitan, NM in timber. Steep terrain, poor accessibility, heavy fuel loading, prolonged drought and high winds are ongoing concerns. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SEDGWICK	NM	CIF	8,600	60	6/21	860	27	18	9	0	2.3M
THREE FORKS	AZ	ASF	7,905	95	6/21	111	3	7	2	0	2.9M
PEPPIN	NM	LNF	64,488	95	6/20	174	5	5	2	12	7M

**EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

DAMMERON COMPLEX, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This complex is two miles east of Dammeron Valley, UT in grass, brush, pinyon pine and juniper. Fire behavior has moderated due to increased relative humidity and scattered showers in the area. The evacuation of the community of Brookside has been lifted and the residents have returned.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DAMMERON COMPLEX	UT	CCD	4,300	30	6/19	119	3	17	0	0	38K

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

SOURCE, Sierra National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) is assigned. This fire is seven miles east of North Fork, CA in brush and timber. Steep, rocky terrain is making fireline construction difficult and hampering containment efforts. Fire spread was moderate with the majority of burning activity in drainages.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SOURCE	CA	SNF	335	60	6/18	448	13	16	5	0	NR

### WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NICKEL, Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is near Mesquite, NV in pinyon pine, brush and grass. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NICKEL	NV	LVD	750	5	UNK	18	0	0	2	0	NR

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

GREASEWOOD, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A transfer of command from Fire Use Management Team (Cook) to a Fire Use Manager will occur today. This fire is 17 miles southwest of Meeker, CO in grass and sage brush.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GREASEWOOD – WFU	CO	WRD	7,815	N/A	N/A	61	1	2	1	0	441K

WRD = White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SPADE RANCH	TX	TXS	1,835	100	---	62	0	16	0	0	NR

TXS = Texas Forest Service

### OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warning:** For most of southwest Utah for winds and low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** A low pressure area will settle over the Northwest today while high pressure building off the Pacific Coast moves toward Alaska. Moisture across the west-central United States will once again produce showers and thunderstorms today from northern California

eastward through the Great Basin. In Alaska, winds along the Alaska Range will die off as high pressure builds over the region.

<b>Geographic Area Weather</b>	<b>High Temperatures</b>	<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Wind</b>
<p><b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly to mostly sunny. Dry and breezy in Arizona and western New Mexico with isolated dry thunderstorms possible. Widely scattered wet thunderstorms in eastern New Mexico and west Texas.</p>	<p>60s and 70s mountains. 80s and 90s lower elevations. 100 to 105 southern lowlands and deserts.</p>	<p>5 to 15% in Arizona and western New Mexico. 15 to 25% in eastern New Mexico and southwest Texas. 25 to 35% remainder of west Texas.</p>	<p>Southwest 10 to 15 mph with gusts at 20 to 25 mph in Arizona and western New Mexico. South to southeast at 10 to 25 mph in eastern New Mexico and west Texas.</p>
<p><b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN</b> <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Partly cloudy and mild with light winds. Scattered showers in western Wyoming. Isolated thunderstorms in central and eastern Idaho and the Bridger-Teton. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Partly cloudy and breezy with widely scattered, mainly wet, thunderstorms over northern and central Utah. Drying and warming from the south.</p>	<p><b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 55 to 70 mountains. 70 to 86 valleys. <b>Utah and Arizona Strip:</b> 65 to 82 mountains. 82 to 103 valleys.</p>	<p><b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 12 to 27% valleys. 14 to 30% mountains. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 4 to 15% Arizona Strip and southwest Utah. 13 to 38% elsewhere.</p>	<p><b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Variable or southwest 5 to 15 mph. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Southwest 15 to 25 mph in southwest Utah; lighter elsewhere. Gusty, erratic winds near storms.</p>
<p><b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise partly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms over central California from the Sierra eastward and southern California mountains.</p>	<p>65 to 75 coastal areas. 70 to 85 mountains. 80 to 95 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.</p>	<p>15 to 30%.</p>	<p>Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p><b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Partly sunny with isolated to scattered afternoon thunderstorms. Little precipitation is expected.</p>	<p>North Valleys: 80s to near 90. South Valleys: 90s. Mountains: 70s.</p>	<p>North Valleys: 10 to 20%. South Valleys: 10 to 20%. Mountains: 15 to 25%.</p>	<p>North: west at 5 to 20 mph. South: south to southwest at 5 to 20 mph.</p>
<p><b>ALASKA</b> Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of light showers.</p>	<p>66 to 82.</p>	<p>25 to 40%.</p>	<p>South to southwest winds at 10 to 20 mph.</p>
<p><b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Clear with some afternoon cumulus clouds over the eastern mountains. 10% chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms in the Modoc County area.</p>	<p>Mostly 80s and 90s, mid 60s and 70s at higher mountains and near the coast.</p>	<p>12 to 25%.</p>	<p>Morning wind variable around 7 mph. Afternoon wind mostly south to west at 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p><b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Cool with isolated to scattered showers across most of the Rocky Mountain Area.</p>	<p>50s to 70s except 80s southwest and southeast Colorado into western Kansas.</p>	<p>Less than 20% across southwest Colorado with higher values elsewhere.</p>	<p>East winds 8 to 20 mph east of the Continental Divide. West of the Continental Divide winds will be south to southwest at 5 to 18 mph.</p>



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW**

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and downslope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.
- To reduce the risks:
  - If the answer is “no” to any of these questions, consider other tactics and provide for safety first.
  - Never compromise escape routes to safety zones for the sake of building line. Remind everyone that a situation check is each and every firefighter’s right and responsibility.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	2	0	6	1	9
	ACRES		4,373	2,250	1,423	4,734	0	12,780
Northwest	FIRES	2				3		5
	ACRES	1				1		2
Northern California	FIRES	1	2			19	7	29
	ACRES	0	0			11	1	12
Southern California	FIRES		3			9	4	16
	ACRES		21			216	273	510
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				2		4
	ACRES	1				0		1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		12			2	5	19
	ACRES		3,315			1	4	3,320
Western Great Basin	FIRES		31		1		1	33
	ACRES		786		0		0	786
Southwest	FIRES		1			7	1	9
	ACRES		0			10	201	211
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		14			3	3	20
	ACRES		2			1	0	3
Eastern Area	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					4		4
Southern Area	FIRES			1		5		6
	ACRES			50		1,042		1,092
TOTAL	FIRES	5	63	3	1	68	22	162
	ACRES	2	8,497	2,300	1,423	6,020	479	18,721

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	30	38	13	163	3	248
	ACRES	3	11,302	2,605	12,926	15,388	0	42,224
Northwest	FIRES	60	24	14	6	314	77	495
	ACRES	709	531	71	3	928	159	2,401
Northern California	FIRES	30	4	6	4	864	172	1,080
	ACRES	28	0	15	1	2,647	1,092	3,783
Southern California	FIRES	14	27	6	10	1,259	223	1,539
	ACRES	647	1,339	311	14	33,053	3,220	38,584
Northern Rockies	FIRES	716	17	13	5	320	115	1,186
	ACRES	4,131	190	445	0	8,634	3,287	16,687
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	94	2	9	49	47	202
	ACRES	2	2,879	1	32	233	379	3,526
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	94		4	20	14	134
	ACRES	1	1,778		0	12	286	2,077
Southwest	FIRES	373	34	2	18	308	257	992
	ACRES	1,065	3,169	1	481	4,459	110,282	119,457
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	146	73	28	2	184	104	537
	ACRES	3,490	168	1,166	0	19,563	4,058	28,445
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		46	17	5,560	393	6,505
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	97	52,920	5,530	65,976
Southern Area	FIRES	113		44	32	21,763	517	22,469
	ACRES	15,478		4,675	1,018	258,825	71,793	351,789
TOTAL	FIRES	1,945	397	199	120	30,804	1,922	35,387
	ACRES	30,648	21,356	11,625	14,572	396,662	200,086	674,949

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>39,003</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>965,954</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				350			350
Southern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			146				146
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						62	62
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
Southern Area	FIRES				1	1	2	4
	ACRES				350	300	1,083	1,733
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	1	5	8
	ACRES	0	0	146	700	300	1,175	2,321

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					2,097		2,097
Northwest	FIRES	38	76	34	1		226	375
	ACRES	7,626	6,807	3,641	30		57,247	75,351
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	10	16		182	261
	ACRES	251	731	13,566	2,208		22,566	39,322
Southern California	FIRES		4	9	7		71	91
	ACRES		28	869	326		6,212	7,435
Northern Rockies	FIRES	33	8	73	3	46	332	495
	ACRES	1,746	2,631	12,252	1,046	3,083	41,720	62,478
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	15	3	6	21	57	103
	ACRES	149	2,325	547	1,237	1,588	16,680	22,526
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4				5	9
	ACRES		80				971	1,051
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	7	8		276	318
	ACRES	2,796	4,821	10,519	1,727		66,084	85,947
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	38	108	18	12	110	328
	ACRES	5,117	11,850	19,596	12,964	3,947	45,430	98,904
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		344	23	608	176	1,171
	ACRES	14,454		39,828	4,443	59,274	27,855	145,854
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	68	367	1,050	1,675
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	59,202	191,754	945,536	1,263,465
TOTAL	FIRES	213	197	727	150	1,059	2,485	4,831
	ACRES	40,642	29,273	159,288	83,183	261,743	1,230,301	1,804,430

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				40			40
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						222	222
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				0			0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				101			101
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		4			0	1	5
	ACRES		5,574			2,271	5	7,850
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	0	4	0	2	10
	ACRES	0	5,574	0	141	2,271	227	8,213

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	359	1,015
Yukon Territory	3	0	23	6,176
Alberta	3	3	596	2,360
Northwest Territory	1	2	12	8
Saskatchewan	0	0	113	677
Manitoba	0	0	69	404
Ontario	0	0	130	1,358
Quebec	1	0	153	577
Newfoundland	0	2	87	1,965
New Brunswick	1	0	201	376
Nova Scotia	0	8	166	201
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	280	17	3,594
Total	9	295	1,926	18,711

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	5	1								
Northwest	6		3						1	
Northern California	1	2	13	2	4					1
Southern California	27	10	40	17	12				64	20
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	3		21	13	1				9	1
Western Great Basin	3		6	2	2	1			1	
Southwest	37		9	21	8	5			177	35
Rocky Mountain	4		7	7	3	1			33	3
Eastern Area										
Southern Area				16						
Total	86	13	99	78	30	7	0	0	285	60

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